

discriminate between the true and the counterfeit worshippers that assemble continually in His house of prayer.—*Church Guardian.*

C. E. T. S.

The March meeting of the C. E. T. S. was addressed by the Rev. J. W. McCleary, rector of Ashburnham, who gave a very interesting lecture on the late "Brussels Conference," where the representatives of the great powers dealt with the slave trade of Africa, and passed some resolutions likely very much to restrain it. The speaker gave some graphic touches which showed much of the cruelty and evil wrought by that "open sore of the world," the slave trade; he also pointed out some of the harm wrought by the sending of rum and firearms into Africa, and concluded by urging the members of the Church of England Temperance Society to do all in their power to break the chains of those held slaves by intemperance at home. A very interesting program was also given, Mrs. Roberts favouring the audience with a couple of readings, Mr. McIntosh and Miss Jackson sang pleasing songs, while Mr. Dingle and Miss Robinson gave instrumentals.

Two new members were added to the roll.

The April meeting, 27th ult., was largely attended, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. W. C. Allen of Millbrook, and a good program was rendered. We would like to see more men present at these meetings

EASTER VESTRY.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday and was well attended.

After opening with prayer, and reading a portion of God's word, the rector gave a short report. He referred to God's mercy and goodness towards us as a congregation, and our many short-comings, and lack of zeal and faithfulness.

He said services had been held regularly during the year and he trusted many had worshipped God "in spirit and in truth," with lips and in lives; that some had been brought to a knowledge of their Saviour, and many built up in their most holy faith.

The Holy Communion had been administered fourteen times during the year, with an average attendance of 51, the total on Easter Sunday being 106, the largest number on any one Sunday during the present incumbency.

During the year 17 children were baptized, and 12 couples united in marriage. Eighteen persons had been laid away in their last resting place, some of whom were only a day or two here, while others had long been worshippers with the congregation, whose faces we miss and whose presence we mourn. Two, Mr. H. Dunsford and Mr. A. Hudspeth, had at times held the highest positions in the congregation, that of church wardens, and lay representatives in the Synod of the Diocese, and we miss their active help and wise counsel. All have been missed by some; but as we leave them in the hands of "Our Father in Heaven," let us "work the work of Him that sent us while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Seven hundred and thirty parochial visits were made by the rector during the year, and he had 222 services or addresses.

He referred to the work of the church officers, the Choir, Women's Auxiliary to Missions, District Visitors, Young Men's Association, C.E.T. S., and Sunday School, as going on quietly, while the efforts made by the Mite Society, and the Young Ladies' Sewing Class, to reduce the Church debt were most encouraging.

He spoke of the vocation having been placed in the Church and the PARISH MAGAZINE started during the year.

And then thanking the officers and members of the Church for their continued kindnesses to himself, and with the prayer that God would use us all more and more to do His will, and extend His kingdom on earth, the report closed.

The minutes of previous vestry meetings were read and declared correct. Mr. Barron then read the Church-wardens' report, which led to considerable discussion as to the best way to increase the income of the Church; and the desire was expressed that all adherents of the Church would undertake to give some sum regularly, (weekly if possible), to the carrying on of God's work.

Mr. Patrick read the report of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions, an abstract of which appears below. Mr. J. D. MacMurchy read the report of the Sunday School, which also appears in this issue.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected, their names will be found on the first page; and after the pronouncing of the benediction, the meeting adjourned.

MR. T. J. MARSH will spend his holidays doing missionary work at Lake Temiscamingue, where he has been working during the last two summers under the Bishop of Algoma.